No. 955.-SUMATRA-WEST COAST. Batu Islands-Bank westward of, Non-existence of Shoal.

Particulars.-A bank of the undermentioned description exists to the westward of Tanah Balah, Batu Islands, as follows :-

Position.-Lat. 0° 19' S., long. 98° 154' E.

Depth.-6 fathoms.

Description.—A small coral reef.

Non-existence of shoal.-It is considered that the above is identical with the "Shoal reported 1895" on the charts, 3 miles to westward of it. This shoal has been searched for without success. and a depth of 48 fathoms having been obtained in the former reported position, it has therefore been erased from the chart.

Charts affected .- No. 2760, Acheh Head to Chingkuk Bay; No. 748b, Indian Ocean.

Publication.-China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1906. page 376.

Authority.-Hague Notice, No. 1046 of 1908.

No. 956.—CHINA, EAST COAST.

River Min Entrance—Buoys Moved.

Particulars .- The following alterations have been made in the positions of the undermentioned buoys in the entrance to the River Min.

Position.-Sharp peak, lat. 26° 8' N., long. 119º 40' E.

Alterations.

a. Outer Bar red conical buoy.

Moved about 3 cables N. 75° E. from its former position, and is now moored in a position from which Sharp Peak bears N. 65° W., distant $5\frac{6}{10}$ miles.

b. No. 2 Fairway buoy.

Moved about 4¹/₄ cables N. 88° E. from its former position, and is now moored in a position from which Sharp Peak bears N. 61° W., distant 41 miles.

Variation.—1° W.

Chart affected.-No. 2400, River Min.

Publications.-China Sea Directory, Vol. 111, 1904, page 271; Supplement, 1907; Notice to Mariners, No. 1894 of 1907.

Authority .-- His Majesty's ship Alacrity, Hydrographic Note, No. 2 of 1908.

No. 957.-MALACCA STRAIT, SELÁNGOR.

Selángor River Light-Alteration in Character of.

Particulars .- On or about 1st July, 1908, the white fixed light at Selángor will be replaced by a light of the character given below.

Position.-Lat. 3° 201/2 N., long. 101° 144/2 E.

Character .-- White occulting every thirty seconds, thus:-Light, 27 seconds; eclipse, 3 seconds.

Elevation .--- 244 feet; 90 feet above the ground.

Visibility.-19 miles.

Order.-2nd Order.

Structure .-- Iron cylindrical tower on concrete pedestal, painted white.

Charts affected .- No. 794, Pulo Berhala to Cape Rachado; No. 1355, Malacca Strait.

Publications .-- List of Lights, Part VI, 1903 No. 421; China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1906, page 189.

Authority.-Board of Trade, 15th June, 1908.

No. 958.-JAPAN-NAIKAI-(INLAND SEA) Shimonoseki Strait-Wrecks Dispersed.

Particulars .- The undermentioned wrecks in Shimonoseki Strait have been dispersed, as follows :-

1. Wreck off Gauryu Jima.

Former position.--31 cables N. 47° E. from Ganryu Jima summit (110 feet); lat. 33° 56¼' N., long. 130° 56' E.

2. Wreck on Ozo Ne.

Former position.--8³/₄ cables N. 52° W. from Mana Ita Iwa Light; lat. 33° 551' N., long. 180° 53' E.

Variation.—5° W.

Charts affected.—No. 3114, Moji and Simonoseki Ko; No. 1578, Simonoseki Strait; No. 532, Simonoseki Strait.

Publications.—Sailing Directions for Japan, &c., 1904, pages 504, 505; Supplement, 1906. Authority.—Tokyo Notice, No. 1174 of 1908.

By command of their Lordships,

A. Mostyn Field, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 19th to 22nd June, 1908.

ORDER OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL IN ENGLAND.

(Dated 24th June, 1908.)

Whereas by the twenty-first section of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1874, it is enacted that the Registrar-General, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, may from time to time alter Registration Sub-Districts :

1. And whereas it is expedient (1) that Newton Sub-District of Prestwich Registration District should be divided into two Sub-Districts comprising as far as possible entire Wards of Manchester County Borough, viz.:-(a) a Sub-District to be called and known as Newton Heath Sub-District and to consist of Newton Heath and Miles Platting Wards; and (b) a Sub-District to be called and known as Bradford Sub-District and to consist of the whole of Bradford Ward and the part of Longsight Ward included within Prestwich Registration District; and (2) that the part of Manchester County Borough and North Manchester Civil Parish (formerly part of Prestwich Civil Parish), should be transferred from Prestwich Sub-District of Prestwich Registration District to Blackley Sub-District of

the same Registration District. 2. Now, therefore, I, Sir William Cospatrick Dunbar, Bart., C.B., Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England, in exercise of the powers given me by the above mentioned Act, and with the sanction of the Local Government Board, do hereby order and declare that the foregoing alteration shall take effect accordingly.

3. This Order shall come into operation on first day of July, nineteen hundred and eight.

Witness my hand this twenty-fourth day of June, nineteen hundred and eight.

Wm. C. Dunbar, Registrar-General. General Register Office,

Somerset House, London.